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REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 14, 16 and 18 - 21 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Temple. The Examiner has however indicated that claims 3 through 11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

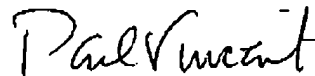
In response thereto, claims 3 and 4 have been redrafted in independent form and, as indicated in the Final Office Action, are therefore allowable. Claims 16, 18 and 25, 26 are directed to either a node or a system citing features corresponding to method claims 3 and 4 and are, for that reason, allowable as well. The remaining claims refer either directly or indirectly to one of the claims 3 ,4, 16, 18, 25 and 26 and are therefore also allowable.

Because of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and accordingly, the Examiner is cordially invited to issue a notification of allowance.

No new matter has been added in this amendment.

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